

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NEW JERSEY URBAN LEAGUE
Report of the Executive Secretary - Oct. 13, 1919.

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It is indeed pleasing to say that this meeting of the Board brings us together under far more auspicious circumstances than those which confronted us at our June meeting. At that time there were several very grave questions, particularly the one of finance, causing serious doubts in the minds of many. Fortunately at this meeting, due to the very hearty co-operation of the people of the city, and here I think too much emphasis cannot be placed on the remarkable responsiveness which the Colored people themselves have shown in our success, we find ourselves having been able to meet such expenses that have occurred or may occur until the first of the year.

The past few months have been also one of the busiest as well as successful periods in our organization's history, despite the fact that it was summer when social activities are usually at their lowest ebb. While it would be difficult to give in detail all the work of this period, there is in it, a few outstanding features, the social value of which will be immediately recognizable.

Of first importance, it seems to me is the number of people we have sent out to places of work, and the type of persons placed. 304 places of work have been given during the four months of June, July, August, September. While the greatest part by far were casual workers, this also includes the recommendation and approval of a nurse in the State Department of Child Hygiene, the recommendation and approval of a placement clerk in the State Department of Labor, the placing of a farm extension worker and teacher at Bordentown Manual Training and Industrial School, the placing of a farm operator and manager on a 114 acre farm in New York State, a shoemaker, and a blacksmith in other positions. All of these men had served either as commissioned or non-com. officers in the late war.

RECREATION

During the summer about 80 tickets were given to children to go for a week's outing at Camp Newark. On these occasions a great number of boys were taken to a baseball game free. By the generosity and co-operation of the Y.M.C.A. about 85 children and adults were given a free excursion to Asbury Park.

PUBLICITY AND INVESTIGATION

The League was represented at the National Conference for Social Work in Atlantic City. It has conducted and published an investigation of Negroes in business in Newark. Was represented at the State Chamber of Commerce Conference on Industrial Democracy, and New Jersey State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

COOPERATION

The League was used as the registration headquarters of the National Medical Association and the Women's Division of the National Baptist Convention.

An especially effective piece of co-operative work was that done in connection with the sale of City food. Nearly \$2000 worth was sold thru our office, sure being the first private organization to be so used.

More and more the building is being used for Community purposes and we are carrying out in a very large way our original program. The larger pieces of furniture for the rooms for dormitories are now in, and our number of applicants are on the increase. This is a very hopeful sign of progress, yet while this is true, there are some very vital questions to be considered at this afternoon's meeting, and I want to urge those present to turn their minds to them with all seriousness.

Respectfully,

William M. Ashley,
Executive Secretary

W. M. Ashley
delivered Oct. 13, 1919

Roster for Meeting - Oct. 6, 1919

Minutes of Meeting

Report of Executive Secretary.

" " Treasurer

" " Supt. Phyllis Wheatley Com.

Address

Report of Committee on confirming
Permanent Clerk in the Industrial Dept.
engagement of a Case Worker.

Report of Committee to consider sugges-
tions of the Executive Secretary for five
year working committees.

Miss Robinson -
Business

Representation at the Detroit Conference.

Feasibility of calling together promi-
nent persons in the State to confer on
the subject of racial co-operation.

Designation of Matron.

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Secretary - October - November 3, '19

During the better relationship be-
tween the two races, and with greater possibilities and
the National Urban League recently held
a conference of the Negroes' life was dis-
cussed in the community. Gathered from many
women, unobtrusive and sincere,
local and sudden social changes, and
progress that is being made.
The delegates were arrived at, as *being* of the

reasonable race feeling amongst us:

Negro in industry.

That this gives him a chance to
advance, seeing especially the common
workman, and also give the opportu-
nities in which any people must share
progress.

Negro, to evaluate correctly his own
worth and usefulness.

Agreement of the part of both peoples.

Executive Sec'y was requested to express the sympathy of the